Uriyá Inscriptions of the 15th and 16th centuries.—By Bábú Mon Mohan Снакрата, М. А., В. L., Subordinate Executive Service of Bengal.

These inscriptions are 14 in number; 12 on the left and right side of the Jayavijaya door-way in the temple of Jagannátha at Purí, and 2 on the right side of the door-way in the temple of Mahádeva at Bhuvaneś-vara. They furnish important dates of Orissa history, and are the earliest known Uriyá writings found in Orissa.

The Jayavijaya door is that which leads into the Porch of the Jagannátha temple. The inscriptions are carved on the door-way. This door-way is of black polished *chlorite*. The left side inscriptions begin from a height of three feet, the right side ones from a height of one foot. They then take up about ³/₄th of the remaining height. The lines run from west to east, and are nearly, but not always, straight.

The letters are Uriyá, and do not generally differ from the present types except in $\overline{\exists}$, $\overline{\exists}$ and $\overline{\exists}$. They are $\frac{1}{4}$ " $\times \frac{1}{3}$ ". The language is throughout Uriyá except at the end of the right side 5th inscription, where are quoted 4 stanzas of Sanskrit slokas. The orthography is often incorrect. The grammatical differences are small.

The inscriptions belong to four reigns, viz.,

	1 0 0,	,			
(1)	Kapileśvara Deva	***	***	5	
(2)	Purushottama Deva	***	• • •	4	
(3)	Pratáparudra Deva	***	444	2	
(4)	Mânagovinda Govinda Deva	***	***	1	•
				12	

The above sequence denotes the natural order of the kings in their succession; Kapileśvara Deva being the founder of the Súrya-vamśa and Govinda Deva being the overthrower of that dynasty.

The inscriptions begin with an onumeration of the various titles of the inscribing king. It is curious to observe that these titles increase in number and pomposity, the later we come. All these titles are still used by the Rájá of Purí, and may be found on the title-pages of Uriyá almanaes.

¹ A transcript of these 12 inscriptions, and a translation of tenth, have been given by Dr. R. L. Mittra, in his Antiquities of Orissa, Vol. II, Appendix, pp. 165-167. My readings of the same and my translations differ considerably; hence this article.

Next come the dates. The phraseology of the dates is peculiar. Take No. 1 of left side:—

"Prabardhamána bijé rájye samasta 3 anka Sráhí Magúsir kru troyodasí Bhúmi bare"=

On Tuesday, the 13th (tithi) of Margasir dark half in the third anka of the prosperous victorious reign of —.

Samasta means here "during."

 $\mathit{Sr\'{a}h\'{i}}$ is a technical word, but has no particular meaning in the context.

The dates are of luni-solar months expressed in tithis of dark or bright half. The ankas are regnal years and something more. Certain figures are considered inauspicious and left out in counting. These figures are one, all numbers ending with zero (except 10), and ending with six. 1, 6, 16, 20, 26, 30, &c., should be left out of consideration in calculating the ankas. Hence 19th anka=16th year, 31st anka=25th year, and so forth.

To be of any practical use, the ankas and tithis require conversion into English calendar dates. Below are given the equivalent calendar dates arrived at in the following manner. From Madalá Pánji,* is found out the approximate year of the king's accession. Add the regnal year derived from the anka. The tithis are given as well as the week days. According to Professor Jacobi's Table (Part CCIX, Vol. XVII of the Indian Antiquary), the year in which the tithi in question fell on the stated week-day can then be easily found. Generally this year is within 20 years of the approximate year. These dates are next verified. The sources of verification are—

- (1) The dates of the other inscriptions;
- (2) The Muhammadan historics;
- (3) The biographies of Chaitanya; (with respect to the reign of Pratáparudra Deva).

I. KAPILEŚVARA DEVA.

Inscriptions. Uriyá dates. Equivalent calcudar dates.

1. Loft, No. 3 ... 4th anka dhanu new

moon, Sunday = 9th December, 1436 A. D. (O. S.)

2. Left, No. 4 ... 41st† anka dhanu sukla 7, Sunday = 14th December, 1466 A. D. (O. S.)

^{*} Mádalá Pánji is the chronicle of the temple of Jagannátha. Hitherto it has been almost the only source for the history of Orissa in the Hindu period.

[†] A mistake for 39th.

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- 3 चयोदिस सुमिवारे श्री पुरुषोत्तम कटके खाइगां होइला दिखणदिगर
- 4 दर्खोद्यासि चोचोर चामो ब्राह्मगङ्क छाड़िलु दर्खागोपघचरणहि छाड़िलुँ
- 5 रहा ये हरइ से हरिला दोष पाइ।

Translation.

On Tuesday, the 13th (tithi) of Margasir dark half of the 3rd anka of the prosperous and victorious reign of the warrier, elephant-lord, king over Gauda and the ninety millions (subjects) of Karnáta and Kalabaraka (probably Kulbargá), of the powerful Purushettama Deva Mahárája, while at camp Purushettama, (i. e., Puri) it was ordered:—I remit the levying from the Bráhmans of the Chaukidárí Tax (Daṇḍo-ási Ohor) in the south; I cease to resume the waste lands and the pastures; he who takes, gets the sin in theft.

Left side.

No. II.

Length $4'-8''\times1'-9''$ —Lines 11.

- L. 1 वीर श्री गजपित गौड़ेश्वर नवकोटी कर्णाटक जवरगेश्वर प्रताप श्री प्रकोत्तम देव माहाराजाङ्क समस्त
 - 2 र श्राची मेस सु १२ प्रवारे श्रीएक षोत्तम कटके विजे समय एक षोत्तम देव माचारा नाङ्गर दत
 - 3 दिख्यादिगदराडपाटे श्रीपुरुषोत्तम जगनाघदेवङ्कर एसामाल देशमानर देखीसादिम स्वदान सेवक
 - 4 ङ्कर देशमानर प्रमेश्वरङ्क भोगदेशमान व्यवदान प्रमेश्वरकु नि (?) द्वालु (?) सेवकमानङ्क
 - 5 खबरान सेवकमानङ्ग क्वाड़िला ए एषोत्तम देव माहाराजाङ्ग भोगकु खन्तरोधविषे माधोतिल ग्राम
 - 6 धान म ५०० काउड़ी का २००० कामलपुर ग्राम ए भोगकु होह्का परव देदिकां माजना
 - 7 (7 letters illegible) महादेवङ्ग भौगकु दचीग
 - 8 दीग दग्डपाटे वाँचाचास विसे गोप
 - 9 पुर ग्राम दिलि ए अवदानमान ए भोग
 - 10 देश जे हरह से जगनायं हु दोह
 - 11 करह।

Translation.

On Thursday the 12th (tithi) of Mcsha bright half of 2nd (anka) of the warrior, the elephant-lord, the king over Gauda and the ninety millions in Karnáta aud Kalabaraga, of the powerful Purushottama Deva Mahárája while encamping at camp Purushottama, the (following) gifts of Purushottama Deva Mahárája in Dakshinad ga dandapáta:—(1) for god Jagannátha of Purushottama, a gift of the old mála tracts in the south; (2nd) for the bhoga of the god a gift of lands out of the lands of the sevaks; (3rd) gifts to the priests engaged in sleeping (?) thogod, (these) I leave to the sevaks. As offerings of Purushottama Deva Mahárája (personally,) for bhoga, the village Mádhotila in Antarodha Bisi, paddy 500 bharans, cowries 2,000 káháns and the village Kámalpur-theso are for the bhoga. For the festivals, &c., of other gods, goddesses and the Mahádeva I bestow the village Gopapura in Bánchás Bisi of Dakshinadiga These gifts, these lands, he who takes away, rebels Dandapáta. against Jagannátha.

Note.

Purushottama Deva got on the throne after a civil war. In this inscription, he hastens to propitiate by gifts the gods and their priests. The gifts are of two sorts:—first he confirms the old grants; secondly he gives in addition threo more villages. The phraseology is tautological and somewhat ambiguous. Dakhinadiga Dandapáṭa is the name of a Division (No. 14 of Sarkár Kaṭak. Abul Fazl). It is not now in existence. The bisis Antarodha and Bánchás still exist as pergunnahs. Gopapura is presumably the present Gopo, where a tháná has been located. The other two villages cannot be traced.

Left side.

No. III.

Length $2'-0\times7''$ —Lines 8.

- L. 1 वीर श्री प्रताप कपिलेश्वर देव माहाराजाङ्कर विजय राज्ये समस्त 8 चार्ङ्क श्राही
 - 2 धनु चमावे सौरिवारे श्री पुरुषोत्तम कटके परमेश्वरङ्ग दर्भन समर महापाच
 - 3 ककाइ सान्तरा महापात्र जलसरसेन नरेन्द्र महापात्र गोपीनाथ मंग राज महापात्र
 - 4 काणीविद्याधर महापाच वेलश्वर प्रहराज महापाच लखन प्रशेष्ट्रित पटनायक दानोदर महा

- 5 सेनापती थाइ परमेश्वरङ्क श्रीचरण अग्रते भोग परिद्या पात्र अग्निसर्मा सुद्रहत्तर गोच
- 6 रे वोहला मुदले श्री प्रकोत्तमदेवङ्क देउलदारे लेखन करिवा श्राम्मर श्रोडीसा रा
- 7 ज्यर लोग कउड़ी मुलकर न्याय्य छाड़िल छाड़िल छाड़िल एहा राजा होइ ने लङ्घर से श्री
- 8 जगणाय देवङ्ग दो इ कर इ।

Translation.

On Sunday the new moon in Dhanu of the 4th anka of the victorious reign of the warrior, the powerful Kapileśvara Deva Mahárája, at camp Purushottama while paying respects to the god, in presence of Mahápátra Kakái Sántará, Mahápátra Jalasara Sena Narendra, Mahápátra Gopínátha Mangarája, Mahápátra Káší Vidyádhara, Mahápátra Belaśvara Praharája, Mahápátra Lakhan Purohita, Paṭanaik Dámodara the generalissimo, beforo the feet of the God, and in the cognisance of Pátra Agni Sarmá, the examiner of Bhogas and the seal-bearer, spoke (the king):—Engraver, write on the door of the temple of the God Purushottama—the tax levied on salt and cowries I remit, remit, remit. Whoever being king, violates this, rebels against Lord Jagannátha.

Note.

This is the earliest inscription of the series. According to the Madalá Pánji, Kapileśvara Deva was an usurper, who from a minister became the king. He remits the taxes on salt and shells, apparently to popularise his reign. Of the eight officers named, Kásí Vidyádhara and Jalasara Sena Narendra are mentioned in the Mádalá Pánji to have been associates of the king in his youth.

Left side.

No. IV.

2 parts.

Part $1-4'-4'' \times 11''$ —Lines 9.

- L. 1 श्री वीर प्रताप कपिलेसर नवकोटी कर्णाटकलवरगेश्वर गजित गौड़ेश्वर देव महाराजाङ्क विजे राइने समस्त ४९ श्राही
 - 2 धनु सुकल सप्ताम रवीवारे श्री पुरुषोत्म जगनाय देवङ्ग पद्मपादकु भन्नी निमित्ये कपिलेखर रजार सेवा करिदिले रत

- 3 तोढ़रमान श्री भूजर रत्नशंख चन्न दुइ प्रमेश्वरङ्क मनहिंकि सुनायोगाड़ एमान स्नानि प्रवेस कले हासिक माहा
- 4 पाच जमसर माहापाच विश्वेश्वर माहापाच करमु माहापाच नाथ माहापाच एते लोके प्रवेश कले नन्दि माहापाचङ्क खिकारे
- 5 माजगामर्खि चउदण्तप्रकरण भीगरागर समस्तन्ती घोइ देली। प्रमागे लागि कराइले रत्नमकुट प्रकागकुल जोड़ातुंग
- 6 ल 8 नोड़का निसव्या करि योड़ा ८ हीरामाणिक विचित्रमाल २ नाना नाएक मुदि १२ मुकुता
- 7 याउनि प्रमुक्ता वड़काण्डिमान ८ माणिकस्ता मा प्रमरकत जाउनि प्रमरकत मुक्ता मा ५ मानारत्नकपदक ८ मरक
- 8 तिसरसरे मानिकसुचा पदसरि 8 सुकुता तौसरा उतुरी २ एका रत्नहारे १ सुकुता तौरूर २
- 9 पादपलव २ नाना नास्क वाड्यटी जोड़ा १२ हिरामानिकि वला जो २ जालितो एर २

Part $2-1'-9'' \times 7''$ —Lines 6.

- L. 1 नाना परताड़ योड़ा १ पाइड़ 8 मुकुता कङ्कनपट ई
 - 2 कान्तियरकवर + कटी मेखला कनकमलाइ माल प
 - 3 सुना योगित्र १ नाना पदार्थ ग्रांख चक्रर रत मा
 - 4 ७ १ ६२ सुना + + + गोटिए श्रीकिपिलेश्वर र
 - 5 जार रहा जगनाथ भद्दाप्रभुकु दिलि रहा नेमा वो
 - 6 लि ये मनरे धरह से श्री जगनायङ्ग दो इकरह।

Translation.

On Sunday, the 7th (tithi) of Dhanu bright half in the 41st (anka) of the victorious reign of the warrior, the powerful, the elephant-lord, the king over Gauda and ninety millions of Karnáta and Kalabaraga, Kapileśvara Deva Mahárája, out of devotion to the lotus-feet of the Lord Jagannátha of Purushottama, Kapileśvara Deva Rája gave for sacred use:—Ornamented wrist-ornaments (todhar), and decorated conch and shells, two for the Lord's arms. For the bhoga of the god, the following (men) brought a supply of gold, viz., Hásika Mahápátra, Jamasara Mahápátra, Viśveśvara Mahápátra, Karamú Mahápátra and Nátha Mahápátra, these (men) supplied, under the superintendence of Nandi Mahápátra; all (the articles) were placed in the audience hall

for bhogas of 1400 sorts. In accordance with directions (of the S'ástras, the following) were put on the body (of the Lord), viz., one ornamented erown, earrings 8, Tungal in pairs 4, small earrings counted at 14 pairs, necklaces set with diamonds and rubies 2, rings set with various sorts of stones 12, pearl ear-ornaments (jáulis) 8, large neeklaces of pearls 4, necklaces of rubies 8, emerald ear-ornaments (jaulis) 8, neeklaces of emeralds and pearls 5, lockets set with various sorts of stones 4, three-rowed emerald neek-ornaments with pendant ruby parrot 4, three-rowed pearl broast-ornaments (uturis) 2, ornamented neeklaee 1, pearled wrist-ornaments (todhor) 2, golden feet set with stones (páda-pallabas) 2, bangles set with various sorts of stones 12 pairs, balás or wrist-ornaments of rubies and diamonds 2 pairs, netted tordhars 2, bracelets or partárdhas one pair, feet-ornaments or páhuráhs 4. pearl bracelets 6, waistlets with golden drops (?) 5, gold Jogibra (?) 1, tho gold of (these) various things, and of the eoneh and shell is 192 márdas, one (illegible); the king Kapilesvara mado a gift of these to Lord Jagannátha. He who intends to take them, rebels against Jagannátha.

Note.

The inscription gives an interesting enumeration of the various ornaments bestowed by Kapileśvara Deva on Jagannátha. Many of these ornaments are still in use.

Left side. Nc. V.

 $2'-8'' \times 9''$ —Lines 6.

- L. 1 वीरश्री गजित गउड़िसर प्रताप किपनेसर देव माहाराजाङ्कर विने राज्ये
 - 2 समस्त ३५ श्राही मेस का 8 व्धवारे भी जगनाय तोह सेवन र
 - 3 मतं जनाउचा कि रादइज जाने ए सा आन्तमान क्षा। मुँह पाइन राउत कु निर
 - 4 + + + + न वालकालु पोसि चानिलि एमाने मोते सबुहें का डिले
 - ठ एमानङ्क मुद्द ये याचा अनुरूपे विचिवी नियोगिति विभो जगनाथ
 - 6 एक्या मोच्चर दोस खदोस विचार।

Translation.

On Wednesday tho 4th (tithi) of Mesha dark half in the 35th (anka) of the victorious reign of the warrior, the elephant lord, the king over Gauda, the powerful Kapileśvara Deva Mahárája:—Oh Jagannátha, thy servant thus informeth the high officers in the kingdom. From

soldiers and servants (illegible, probably "up to them"), I looked after (all) from boyhood, now they kave forsaken me. I will treat them as they deserve. Lord Jagannátha, judge the correctness or incorrectness of mine (acts).

Note.

According to Mádalá Pánji, in the 35th anka of Kapileśvara Deva's reign, the Zemindars of Kundajori broke out into rebellion. From the context they appear to have been assisted by many of the king's own officers.

Left side.

No. VI.

 $3'-3''\times 1'-3''$ —Lines 10.

वीर श्री गनिप्त गउड़ेश्वर नवकोटीकर्गाट कलवरगेसर विरवर श्री प्रतापरूद देव

माहारा जाङ्कर समस्त 8 चाङ्क आही ककड़ा सु १० वृधवारे चावधारीत चाईंगा प्रमाणे वड़

ठाकुरङ्क गीतगोविन्दठाकुर भोगवेले ए गाठ होइव। संभाधुप सरिला ठारू

वड़ सिंगार परियन्ते ए नाट होइव । वड़ ठाकुरङ्क संपरदा कपिलेश्वर ठाकुरङ्क वन्धा

न।चयीमान गुरूया संपर्दा तेलंगी संपर्दा रमाने सविहें वड़ ठाकुरङ्ग गीतगो

विन्द ऊँ खानगीत न सिखीवे। खानगीत न गाइवे। खान नाट होइ परमेश्वरङ्ग हासुरे न

इव र नाट वितरके वृह्याम गाष्ट्रया चारीजन श्रक्ति रमाने गीतगोविन्द गीति से गाइवे

एहाङ्क ठारू चिपित्तामाने एक खररे खुणी गीतगोविन्द गीत हिंसे पिखीवे चानगीत न पिखीवे एहा

जे परी द्या चानगीत नाट कराइले जानी से जगनायङ्क दो इ करइ।

Translation.

On Wednesday the 10th (tithi) of Kakadá, bright half in the 9th anka of the warrior, the olephant-lord, the king over Gauda and ninety millions of Karaáta and Kalabaraga, the mighty Pratáparudra Deva

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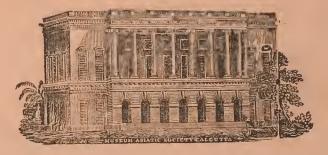
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Máhárája aecording to the ascertained orders:—Dancing will be performed thus at the Bhoga time of the elder Thákur (i. e. Balaráma) and Gítagovinda Thákur (i. e. Jagannátha). This dancing will be held from the end of evening dhúpa up to the time of Barasingár (bed time) dhúpa. The batch (of dancing girls) of Bara Thákur, the fixed female dancers of Kapileśvara Thákur, the old batch, the Telangá batch, all will learn no other song than Gítagovinda of Bara Thákur. They will not sing any other song. No other kind of dancing should be performed before the god. Besides the dancing, there are four Vaishnava singers; they will sing only the Gítagovinda. Hearing in one tone from them, those who are ignorant will learn the Gítagovinda song; they should not learn any other song. That superintendent who knowingly allows other songs to be sung, and other dancings to be performed, rebels against Jagannátha.

Note.

This ediet directs what songs are to be sung and what dances are to be performed at the time of night bhogas (from evening to bed-time). The songs will be the songs of Gítagovinda and nothing else. The dancers were in four batches, and they were taught by four Vaishṇava singers.

Left side.

No. VII.

वीर श्री गजपित गौड़ेश्वर नवकोटि कर्गाटक जवरगेश्वर प्रताप श्रीकृददेव महाराजाङ्क समस्त ५ खङ्क श्राह्मि धनु तिनदिन (२) सोमवारे + + + कटक विजेसमर

(Rest illegible).

Translation.

On Monday, the 3rd (?) of Dhanu in the 5th anka of the warrior the elephant-lord, the king over Gauda and the ninety millions of Karņáţa and Kalabaraga, the powerful Rudra Deva Mahárája, at camp. . . .

Note.

This inscription is the lowermost. Ordinarily the place is dark, and the pilgrims while passing through the door, feel the way by touching the wall. In this manner almost all its lower part has been rubbed off.

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Right side.

No. I.

in three parts.

Main part:—2' $9'' \times 9''$ —Lines 5.

वीरश्री गनित गौड़ेश्वर नवकोटीकर्णाटक लवरगेश्वर प्रताप एषोक्तम देव माहाराजाङ्कर समस्त २ श्राही मेस सुकल १२ ग्टवारे श्री एषोक्तम कटके विजे समर दन्तरत्वपलङ्क १ रत्नक स्थन सिंहासने १ रत्नक्ति १ रत्वखट १ सुनामार्थगीपट १ रत्नवेग्टचँ श्वर २।

Western part:—Lines 7 $6\frac{1}{9}$ " × 11"

Eastern part:—Lines 5 1' 0×10"

प्रवोत्तम माहाराजाङ्कर दत्तर

तमलङ्ग २

रतकानपुल

८ सेक्सभ

वाज्जटि योड़ा २

रत्नविश्वना १ चन्दिचागी १ रत्नदर्भग गोटिए १ एइ।नेमा

रे ये सनरे धरड

से जगनाथ देवङ्क

दोच्च करइ।

Translation.

On Thursday, the 12th of Mesha, bright half in the 2nd (anka) of the warrior, the elephant-lord, the king over Gauda and ninety millions of Karnáta and Kalabaraga, the powerful Purushottama Deva Mahárájá, while eneamping at camp Purushottama:—Ornamented ivory couch 1, ornamented throne with flags and jars 1, ornamented umbrella 1, ornamented bedstead 1, golden-handled broom 1, ornamented-handled chauris 2.

Eastern part.

Gift of king Purushottama:—
Ornamented eouehes 2,
Ornamented earrings 4,
Merugarbha wristlets 2 pairs,
Ornamented fan 1,
Chandia (hair-ornament like
moon) 1,

Western part.

Ornamented mirror 1. He who thinks of taking these, rebels against Lord Jagannátha.

Note.

This inscription seems to be a continuation of No. II left side, and is of the same date.

Right side.

No. II.

2' $5'' \times 1'$ 2''—Lines 8.

वीर श्री गजपित गउड़ेश्वर प्रतापकिषिलेश्वर देव माहाराजाङ्कर विजेराच्ये समस्त १९ ङ्क श्राहीमेस श्रमा वै रवीवारे मिलकापिरसादिग विजेकिर बाइड़ा कटकाइ श्री पुरुषोत्तमकटके वीरमोनोइ विजे समर श्रीचरण स्वयते कोठघर सान्तरा परिचामहापात्र रघुदेस्वो निरन्न जनाई छाड़कराइलाकु खाइंगां होइला श्री पुरुषोत्तमर पुरुषिच्च गोपसाढ़ी देलि एथकु ये खवालघंद से जग नाथ देवङ्क दोह करइ ए मुदले केलाइ खुरिट्या लिहाइला।

Translation.

On Sunday the new moon in the Mesha of the 19th anka of the victorious reign of the warrior, the elephant-lord, the king of Gauda, Kapileśvara Deva Mahárája, having conquered the side of Malliká Parisá, on the journey back, at camp Purushottama, while taking his food, the storekeeper and superintendent Raghu Deva Narendra having made known (to the king) it was ordered:—I give to god Purushottam the Sári eloth known as Puṇḍariksha gopa. Whoever violates this rebels against Jagannátha. This writing Kelai Khuṇṭiá inseribed.

Note.

The Mádalá Panji mentions the conquest of a Malliká country in the 21st anka—21st may be a mistake for 19. "Puṇḍariksha gopa" may be the name of a village.

Right side.

No. III.

4' $1'' \times 1'$ 4''—Lines 7.

वीर स्त्री गर्जात गउड़ेश्वर नवकोटीकर्णाट कलवरगेश्वर प्रताप कपिलेश्वर

देव माहारानाङ्कर विजेराच्ये समस्त ३१ खङ्क आही ककड़ा सु १२ खबारे श्री प्रक